

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the specification; rejected claims 26-29 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. § 101; and rejected claims 20-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Applicants propose to amend claims 20, 26-30, and 36. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 20-36 would remain pending and under examination.

Applicants respectfully traverse the objection to the specification, the rejection of claims 26-29 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. § 101, and the rejection of claims 20-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The Examiner alleges that the specification does not mention a “computer readable medium” or a “process code,” and therefore alleges that these terms are non-statutory under § 101 and not enabled under § 112. Office Action at 3-7.

Regarding the claimed “computer readable medium,” the Examiner points to page 50, lines 14-15 of Applicant’s specification to support the allegation that “Applicant has claimed ‘various storage medium, including software.’” Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging that Applicants are claiming a storage medium. To prevent any further confusion, Applicants propose amending the claims to explicitly require a “storage medium,” as indicated by the Examiner. Applicants disagree that a reasonable interpretation of a “storage medium” is software, and delete a portion of the specification referred to by the Examiner. The specification describes various “storage mediums:” “a storage medium such as a flash memory, a card-type HD, and a memory card;” “a large-capacity storage medium, such as a hard disk, DVD, or CD built into a personal computer.” Applicants’ Specification at 3:10-21.

The Examiner also refers to page 12, lines 23 through page 13, line 2 of the specification, which indicates in part that a “license information recording medium further stores a parameter . . .” Applicants’ Specification at 12:23-13:2. The

specification provides examples of “recording media such as a memory card, HD, DVD, and CD.” Applicants’ Specification at 1:20-24. Accordingly, the portion cited by the Examiner further supports that the claims recite statutory subject matter.

Further, the Examiner alleges that “[t]here is no mention of a ‘computer readable medium’ in the original specification.” Applicants respectfully request further explanation from the Examiner should the Examiner maintain the rejection. The above referenced portions of the specification clearly describe various “storage medium such as a hard disk, DVD, or CD built in a personal computer, and the content is then transferred from the personal computer to a memory card or the hard disk loaded therein . . .” Applicants’ Specification at 3:17-21. Applicants now propose to amend the claim to recite a “storage medium” to use the exact language from the specification. It cannot reasonably be disputed that the specification describes a storage medium that is read by a computer, that is, a computer readable storage medium.

Regarding the claimed “process code,” Applicants propose to amend the claims to recite a “process setting code,” which the Examiner acknowledges is disclosed at least on page 12, lines 18-21 of Applicants’ Specification. Office Action at 4. Further, Figures 8 and 10 provide listings of “process setting codes,” as described throughout Applicants’ specification including at pages 35:19-36:5 and 37:24-49:14.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the specification supports the claimed “computer readable storage medium” and “process setting code,” that claims 26-29 and 36 fully satisfy § 101, and that claims 20-36 fully comply with § 112.

Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner, placing claims 20-36 in condition for allowance. Applicants submit that the proposed amendments do not raise new issues or necessitate the

undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner. Further, entry of the amendment would place the application in better form for appeal, should the Examiner dispute the patentability of the pending claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants request the entry of this Amendment and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

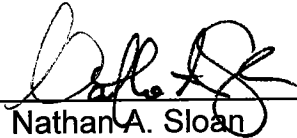
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Respectfully submitted,

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